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the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. Senator Burling, Senator Erdman, Senator Byars, Senator Dierks, Senator Schrock, please check in. Senator Schimek, please check in. Senator Chambers, Senator Connealy, Senator Synowiecki, and Cunningham, Senator McDonald, please check in. Senator Schrock, the house is under call. Senator Connealy. Looking for Senator Connealy. The house is under call. All present or accounted for. Been a roll call vote requested. Mr. Clerk, call the roll. Voting on advancement of LB 283.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 545.) 21 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 283 does not advance. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, LB 661.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill is LB 661, which was introduced by Senators Jensen, Hudkins, and Schimek. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 16th of last year, referred to the Transportation Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (AM0477, Legislative Journal page 712, First Session, 2001.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on LB 661.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, LB 661 will establish a task force to study the development potential of the I-80 corridor between Omaha and Lincoln initially, perhaps going beyond that. The intent of this legislation is to bring several groups together to form a coalition of state, county, city groups, community groups to study the planning possibilities and concerns of this area. The issues that will be relevant to a task force of this nature would be wide ranging. It would include water usage, sewage, zoning, transportation, environmental, industrial, along with many others. The growth of the area of this state makes it very important that we have an organized and comprehensive plan which